

## Joy Brewer

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I was supposed to speak today but got bumped, attached are the documents I provided and here is my testimony:

My name is Levi Pulver and I'm the father of a soon to be 3-year-old and not yet in need of a waiver. But I did ask around to a dozen different friends with school age children. The responses could all fit in two categories: Either it was short and sweet, no questions, just a formality with signatures or consisted of several one-sided comments, a few questions and no real objective information. Neither of which sound like productive scenarios for anyone.

This whole concept of a waiver appointment seems like a waste of time on both ends because my wife and I didn't make this decision blindly. My family's decision came after years (12 to be exact) of studying the research available, talking to other parents and discussing with a family doctor. No decision could possibly be overturned by a stranger with no knowledge of my child's health.

To say that healthy children who have not received every dose of every vaccine are a threat to the immunocompromised and general public is completely false. We don't see this in the research available and most commentary that suggests it are simply opinions or a means to push an agenda. The fact is, there are more vaccinated children that do not respond to their vaccines or where their antibodies have diminished, and are thus 'susceptible' to infection, than children with exemptions. This is evident in our health department's own data, where they show the majority of people contracting illnesses like chickenpox and whooping cough are fully vaccinated. If both vaccinated and under vaccinated can be 'susceptible', how is discriminating against only the children without the vaccine fair?

Additionally, children and adults recently vaccinated with live virus vaccines are a known threat to an immune compromised child, as they can shed the virus for weeks after vaccination. This is well-known information, as even St. Jude's posts a warning about recently vaccinated individuals visiting their units. Yet children recently vaccinated, are allowed to attend school without consequence. Where is the concern from the health department for the immune compromised in that situation? To intentionally deny healthy children an education, based on their vaccination status, is absurd and a form of prejudice. The only people that are a threat are sick people.

The fact is vaccines are not 100% effective and are not 100% safe for everyone. We need to have better, and more honest, conversations between medical professionals, public leaders and those who support vaccine choice if we are going to achieve what we're all here for, which is healthier children.

Thank you,

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